



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: APS' 1,243 MW Palo Verde 1 Nuke Unit in Arizona to Resume Production July 7

The unit has been shut since March 18.

Reuters, 11:53 July 7, 2006

Update: LS Power's 739 MW Moss Landing 7 Gas-fired Unit in California to Return by July 8

The unit shut due to a problem with an exciter on Tuesday. A company spokesman said the unit would return Friday or Saturday.

Reuters, 18:27 July 7, 2006

Update: Exelon's 867 MW Dresden 2 Nuke Unit in Illinois Ramps Up to 93 Percent July 7

The unit, which shut July 4, was operating at 18 percent capacity after exiting an outage yesterday.

Reuters, 07:26 July 7, 2006

Update: OPG's 515 MW Pickering 7 Nuke Unit in Ontario Exits Outage July 7

The company shut the unit on July 4 to work on the boiler level controller.

Reuters, 07:42 July 7, 2006

AEP's 800 MW Big Sandy 2 Coal-fired Unit in Kentucky Shut July 7 - Traders

An AEP spokesman could not confirm or deny the rumors for competitive reasons.

Reuters, 10:39 July 7, 2006

TXU's 575 MW Big Brown 2 Coal-fired Unit in Texas Shut July 7

The company shut the unit to fix a boiler tube leak.

Reuters, 10:30 July 7, 2006

OPG's 494 MW Lambton 1 Coal-fired Unit in Ontario Shut July 7

The company shut the unit for short-term work.

Reuters, 08:24 July 7, 2006

MidAmerican Energizes 345-kV Iowa Power Line for Summer

The line was energized on June 28, well before its expected September in service date. The line will enhance the grid's reliability during the summer. The new line connects MidAmerican's 823 MW Council Bluffs coal- and gas-fired power plant and a new substation northwest of Des Moines.

Reuters, 09:09 July 7, 2006

Reliant Energy's Cheswick Plant to Get \$250 Million State of the Art Scrubber in Pennsylvania

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/search/s_460793.html

Fire Hits Reformer at Citgo's 156,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery

A fire broke out at the 50,000 b/d reformer Thursday night. Because of the fire, Citgo decided to move up planned maintenance on the reformer. The unit is scheduled to restart next week.
Reuters, 12:11 July 7, 2006

Update: Syncrude Canada to Restart Oil Sands Unit in Alberta

The company will restart a portion of its new northern Alberta refinery on Monday, nearly two months after the facility was shut due to the detection of a strange odor on May 18. The refinery, which converts heavy oil sands bitumen into synthetic crude oil, has a capacity of about 250,000 b/d and when the shut portion reopens the refinery will be able to ramp up production by 100,000 b/d to 350,000 b/d.
Reuters, 18:40 July 7, 2006

Enbridge Considering Pipeline to Connect Alberta Oil Sands to U.S. Gulf Coast

Enbridge Inc. announced on July 6 that it has a \$3.6 billion crude oil pipeline project under consideration. The plan centers on the construction of a 400,000 b/d pipeline to carry crude oil from the oil sands deposits in Alberta to the U.S. Gulf Coast. The company indicated that although the project is in a very early stage of development that the route would take it past refineries in Colorado and Oklahoma to terminate in the Houston area. If developed, the line could be in operation by 2011.

<http://www.cbc.ca/story/business/national/2006/07/06/enbridge-thurs.html>

http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1152222610714&call_pageid=968350072197&col=969048863851

OPEC Crude Oil in Transit on Increase

By the end of July, crude oil shipments moving at sea from OPEC producers are expected to approach 500 million bbls, an increase of approximately 50 million bbls from a recent low point in early May. According to Oil Movements, a consulting firm in the UK, crude oil stock levels at sea are increasing at a rate of about half a million b/d.

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8523878.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

NYMEX Near-Month Crude Oil Price Hits All-Time High

Early in the trading session on July 7, the price of the near-month contract reached \$75.78 an all-time high on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Analysts attributed the bullish atmosphere to a number of factors relating to the latest data from the Energy Information Administration on crude oil and gasoline stocks, economic indicators, and international tensions stemming from events in Nigeria, Iran, Iraq, and North Korea.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B80BEA062%20DF5F2%20D4C6A%20DAAAD%2090CAC333736E%7D&source=blq%20Fyhoo&dist=yhoo&siteid=yhoo>

http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/060707/markets_oil.html?v=10

Natural Gas

Three Natural Gas Pipelines Receive DOT Okay to Operate at Higher Pressure

From NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, July 07, 2006

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

Update: Secretary of Energy Urges Alaska to Move Quickly on Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline

In a letter to Alaska legislators and Governor Murkowski, U.S. Secretary of Energy Bodman urged swift action on legislation that would foster construction of the proposed natural gas pipeline from Alaska to the lower 48 states. The letter echoes a call for action from Vice President Cheney in late June.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/7580264.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices July 7, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	74.15	73.94	60.73
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	5.52	5.85	7.62

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Leftist Will Not Uses Violence to Fight Contested Mexican Presidential Election

Reuters, 13:31 July 7, 2006

IMB Considers Listing Jamaica as a Hot Spot for Piracy

Reuters, 11:06 July 7, 2006

ExxonMobil's 250,000 b/d Sakhalin-1 Project in Russia Will Begin in Sept/Oct, 1 Month Later than Planned – Shipping Sources

Reuters, 04:40 July 7, 2006

Iraq Pauses Kirkuk Oil Pumping Along Turkey Pipeline for Technical Reasons

Reuters, 06:20 July 7, 2006

Kazakhstan Suggests Possible Oilfield Contract Revision Against Chevron-led Venture Due to Environmental Damage

Reuters, 04:53 July 7, 2006

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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